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APPLICANT: Andreas WAGNER et al. CASE NO.: P01,0094  
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INVENTION: "POSTAGE METER MACHINE, AND METHOD AND  
SYSTEM FOR ENABLING A POSTAGE METER  
MACHINE"

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that  
citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of  
examination of the above-referenced application for U.S. Letters Patent.

AA	U.S. Patent No. 5,812,400
AL	European Application 0 892 369
AM	European Application 0 875 865
AN	European Application 0 875 862
AO	European Application 0 825 564
AP	European Application 0 775 984
AQ	European Application 0 689 170
AL'	European Application 0 522 809
AM'	European Application 0 388 839
AN'	French Patent 2 774 494

### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL, AN, AO, AP, AL' and AM' were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the European application corresponding to the present U.S. application.

References AA, AM, AP, AQ and AM' were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of the German application corresponding to the present application.

Copies of the each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Translations of the non-English language documents are not readily available to the Applicants, however, each of the those documents has an English language Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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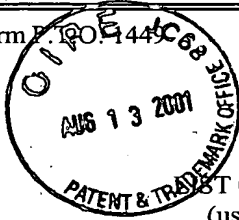
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